THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has reported that one Doctor from the Department of Neurosurgery has committed suicide in Noida since 2006. A committee has been constituted by AIIMS to investigate the aforesaid suicide and its report is awaited.

AIIMS like institutions

680. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status with regard to the setting up of six AIIMS like institutions in different parts of the country;

(b) whether his Ministry has any proposal under consideration to declare some important State Government-hospitals as "Centres of Excellence" on the lines of AIIMS and extend financial assistance to them to make them "state of the art" Regional Research Hospitals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) State Governments have provided land and the boundary wall around the sites has already been completed. WAPCOS, a Government of India organization, is conducting Environmental Impact (EIA) Study and pre-construction survey. Draft E1A Report has been prepared. Pre-Construction survey has also been completed.

The construction of housing complex (houses & hostels) is proposed through a turnkey developer for EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction). The Request for proposal has been issued in May, 2007 to shortlisted bidders. The last date for receipt of the bids is 16.8.2007. Likewise, the process of selection of Design-DPR Consultant for preparing the detailed project report of medical college' and hospital complex has been initiated. The Request for Proposals has been issued to shortlisted bidders in May, 2007. Last date for receipt is 24.9.2007.

(b) to (d) There is no such proposal. However, under the PMSSY, 13 existing Medical College Institutions are also being strengthened, in terms of infrastructure and equipments to serve as advanced tertiary healthcare centres. List of Institutions being upgraded is enclosed as Statement *(See* below). The Government of India is investing Rs. 100 Crores for each institution and the State Government's share is Rs. 20 Crores and subsequent recurring, maintenance and manpower costs. In respect of SVIMS, Tirupati, the TTD trust is bearing half of the cost *i.e.* Rs. 60 Crores, and the GOI share is only Rs. 60 Crores. Likewise, in respect of IMS (BHU) Varanasi, which is a GOI institution, Rs. 20 Crores is being provided by Ministry of Human Resource Development.

In addition, it is proposed to upgrade .Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, involving a capital expenditure of approx. Rs. 120 crores.

Statement

Upgradation of 13 medical institutes under PMSSY

The following 13 medical institutes have already been identified for upgradation under PMSSY.

1. Govt. Medical College, Jammu (J&K) Govt.
2. Govt. Medical College, Srinagar (J&K)
3. Kolkatta Medical College, Kolkatta (W.B.)
4. Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow (U.P)
5. Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi (U.P.)
6. Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad (A.P.)
7. Sri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati (A.P.) (50% cost of upgradation will be borne by the TTD Trust)
8. Govt. Medical College, Salem (T.N.)
9. Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi (Jharkhand)
10. B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
11. Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore(Karnataka)
12. Grants Medical College & Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai, (Maharashtra)**
13. Government Medical College, Thrivananthapuram, (Kerala)

** The upgradation is pending as the matter is *subjuilice* in Nagpur Bench of Mumbai High Court on selection of this institution, instead of the Medical College at Nagpur.

Discrimination against dalits in AllMS

681. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is discrimination against dalits in AIIMS; and

(b) what percentage of SC/ST on various posts are in AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The committee constituted by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sukha Deo Thorat, Chairman, UGC to look into the allegations of differential treatment of SC & ST students in AIIMS in its report has observed, *inter-alia,* that there has been some differential treatment with SC/ST/OBC students as well as faculty members in AIIMS. The AIIMS has been asked to furnish their comments on the observations in the report and the action taken on the recommendations of the Committee. On receipt of reply from the AIIMS, the matter will be considered by the Government.

(b) As per the information furnished by AIIMS, the percentage of SC/ST on various posts in AIIMS is as given in the enclosed Statement.